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11. (U) Sensitive but unclassified. Not for Internet distribution.

12. (SBU) Econoff delivered reftel demarche and nonpaper on the possible use of false end users in Iranian proliferation efforts to Roberto Liotto, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Office Director responsible for Nuclear Suppliers' Group (NSG) issues, on December 12. In a December 14 conversation, Liotto noted that a similar list was circulated by U.S. experts at a recent NSG consultative group meeting. Liotto has passed reftel list of items which can be used in the petrochemical and nuclear sectors to Italian licensing officials, and has asked them to use the list in making their export licensing decisions.